



Happy New Year!

The new year has arrived and whether you have welcomed a new furry, feathery, or scaly friend into your lives just this year or have old time companions, there may be a time this year that you won't be able to take them with you.

Mindahome house and pet sitters offer personalised care and one-on-one attention for your pets. They can focus on your pet and by leaving your pet in their own home environment, they are less likely to be stressed or anxious about your absence.

If you have a trip in mind and want to review some of the reliable and professional house and pet sitters available, search some of the [profiles on our website](#). Or you can [post your position for free](#) and let the house sitters applications come straight through to you.

Also take a look at the post from Dr Katrina Warren, [PAW by Blackmores](#) ambassador, about what to look out for when keeping dogs cool this summer.

From all of us at Mindahome House and Pet Sitting, we wish you an exciting and prosperous New Year!

Mindahome Team

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7 tips for keeping your dog cool this summer

Ambassador for PAW by Blackmores has some great tips about keeping dogs cool this summer. [More...](#)



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What's on around the country...

- **Parkes Elvis Festival** (NSW, 11-15 January)
- **MONA FOMA** (TAS, 18-22 January)
- **Tamworth Country Music Festival**(NSW, 20-29 January)
- **Festival of Sails** (VIC, 21-24 January)
- **Tunarama** (SA, 25-29 January)
- **Australia Day**(National, 26 January)
- **Crush Festival**(SA, 27-29 January)
- **Chinese New Year** (National, 28 January)



Caring for pets: Tips to keep pets safe this summer

Summer is the season to enjoy time with pets, but high temperatures and outdoor dangers could cause distress for your four legged friend. Here are a few tips to keep your pet safe, but be sure to research and plan for any dangers when venturing out with your pet.

- **Daily walks:** Avoid the middle of the day for daily walks, because this tends to be the hottest part of the day and also has the highest UV rating.
- **Keep coats long:** Although you would expect that a shorter coat will keep your pet cooler in summer, keeping their coat long actually provides better circulation and helps regulate body temperature, when hair is brushed and not matted.
- **Keep cool:** Use the air conditioning inside or keep windows open for good ventilation to keep temperatures down for you and your pet. Always keep clean, fresh and cool water available for your pet. If pets show signs of heat exhaustion - heavy panting, dry or bright red gums, thick drool, vomiting, diarrhoea, or wobbly legs— take them to a cool place and place a damp towel over their body and get the pet to the vet as soon as possible.
- **Be aware of backyard dangers:** Keep your pets away from flowers such as lilies and azaleas and think about the insecticides that you are using on your plants. Also, never leave them unattended in the backyard pool.

We hope you have found **Mindahome House and Pet Sitting's e-news** informative and interesting.

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